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SUBJ: HOUSE REPORT ON FRELOC CLAIM

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1. HOUSE GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS TENTH REPORT ON DELINQUENT FOREIGN DEBTS AND CLAIMS, DATED DECEMBER 5, WAS RELEASED OVER WEEKEND WITH PRESS RELEASE HIGHLIGHTING QUOTE UNPAID CLAIMS AGAINST FRANCE UNQUOTE AND \$35.6 MILLION DELINQUENT DEBT BY IRAN.

2. NO APPARENT NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO REPORT BY PRESS HERE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON ANY FRENCH PRESS TREATMENT OR OTHER FRENCH REACTION.

3. REPORT, WHICH IS BASED ON STUDY AND HEARINGS OF MOOR-HEAD SUBCOMMITTEE, STATES THAT QUOTE A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT HAS BEEN PENDING TOO LONG. LACK OF RESOLUTION IN
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THIS INSTANCE TAKES ON ADDED IMPORTANCE WHEN ONE CONSIDERS

POSSIBLE U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWALS FROM OTHER WESTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS PART OF ANY OVERALL REDUCTION-IN-FORCE AGREEMENTS WHICH MIGHT BE IN THE OFFING. OTHER COUNTRIES MAY CITE THE FRENCH NON-SETTLEMENT AS A PRECEDENT IN REFUSING TO RECOGNIZE SIMILAR AMERICAN CLAIMS AGAINST THEM. THUS, IT IS IMPERATIVE THE FRENCH CLAIM BE RESOLVED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY UNQUOTE.

4. REPORT RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT INTENSIFY ITS EFFORTS TO REACH A SATISFACTORY SETTLEMENT OF THE FRELOC CLAIM AND CALLS FOR PROGRESS REPORT TO THE COMMITTEE BY NEXT FEBRUARY 15. REPORT EMPHASIZES CAPACITY OF FRANCE AND IRAN TO PAY THE AMOUNTS INVOLVED ALTHOUGH IT NOTES IN THE CASE OF FRANCE THAT QUOTE THE AMERICAN PEOPLE HAVE NEVER BEEN TOLD THE AMOUNT OF THIS CLAIM. THE STATED REASON IS THAT SUCH AN ACTION MIGHT JEOPARDIZE ITS SETTLEMENT. THE COMMITTEE BELIEVES THE PASSAGE OF FIVE YEARS WITHOUT SETTLEMENT NOW DEMANDS SOME PUBLIC SCRUTINY OF THE ACTUAL AMOUNT OF THE CLAIM AND ITS JUSTIFICATION. UNQUOTE RUSH

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